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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 14, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK FOLEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Steve Houpe, Pastor, Harvest Church, Kansas City, MO, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, in the name of my resurrected Saviour, I come before Your presence to thank You and praise You for Your goodness, mercy, grace, and love that You extend to us every day.

Thank You for the honor and privilege of living in this great country. Thank You for our freedom, for the ability to worship and serve You freely. Allow us to always honor You and Your ways. I pray for the mothers, the fathers, and children of this Nation. I pray for the schools, the government agencies, and businesses.

God, I beseech Your throne this day on behalf of these prominent leaders of our Nation. Give them Your truth, direction, Your wisdom and power. I pray for each of these Congressmen, their families, and the people they represent.

Lord God, I give You praise for what You have done, for what You are doing, and for what You are going to do. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLEAVER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CLEAVER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1613. An act to amend that Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 to extend the termination date for mandatory price reporting.

WELCOMING AND HONORING REVEREND STEVE HOUPÉ

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in recognition of our guest Chaplain, Dr. Steve Houpe, founder and Pastor of the Harvest Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Soon after his graduation and ordination from Rhema Bible Training Center in 1986, Dr. Houpe began his ministry and founded Harvest Church, one of the fastest-growing congregations in our community.

But this was just the beginning. Dr. Houpe had a strong calling to education; and, in 1990, he founded Harvest Christian Schools, now Faith Academy,

to educate children in a Christian environment with a strong academic emphasis. And, in 1996, he founded Harvest Bible Institute to teach men and women to give of themselves for service in the ministry. Dr. Houpe has also been called to bring the word of God into the homes of people beyond his congregation through his authorship of four inspirational books.

Pastor Houpe further devotes himself to his wife Donna and their six beautiful children.

Pastor Houpe has touched countless lives in our community and across this Nation, and we are pleased to have him here today.

ONGOING EFFORTS IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, Congress reconvened early to pass an emergency funding bill to meet the immediate relief and recovery needs of the Gulf Coast communities ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Last week, we met the growing humanitarian and economic needs by passing an additional \$51.8 billion in emergency relief.

This week, Mr. Speaker, with the levee repaired, the flood waters receding, and the immediate funding needs met, the House's focus must shift to the broader policy implications of the Katrina disaster.

Millions of our countrymen, men, women, and children, have been displaced all around our Nation. That means communities taking on larger populations, schools seating more students, hospitals seeing more patients, businesses serving more customers, roads and public transportation accommodating more travelers.

The first responders and emergency managers on the ground in the affected

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